

STAR Upgrades and Plans

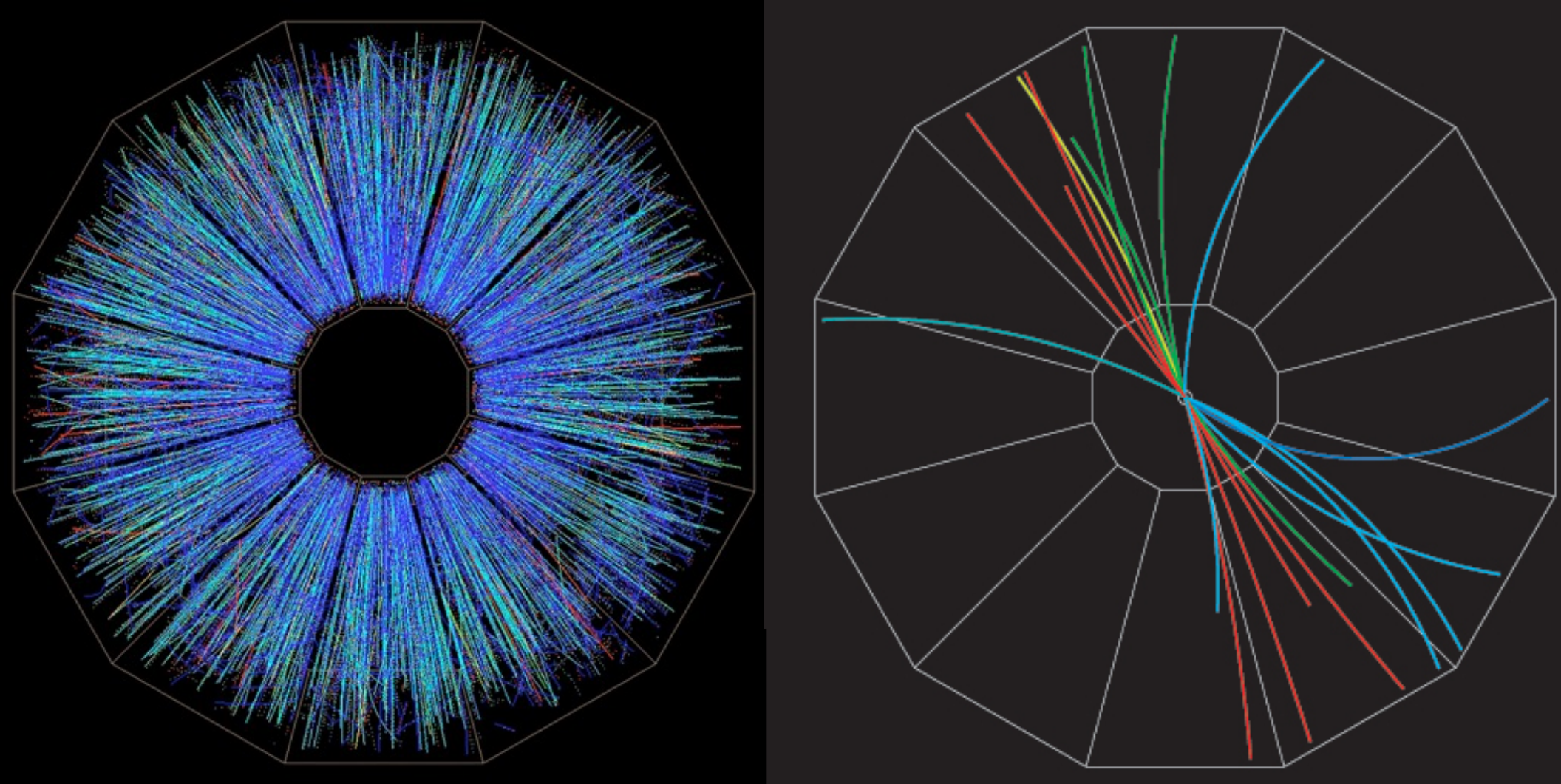
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Solenoidal Tracker **At RHIC**



A versatile instrument to study QCD: A+A, p+A, p+p, $\sqrt{s} = 7.7 - 510$ GeV, polarization.

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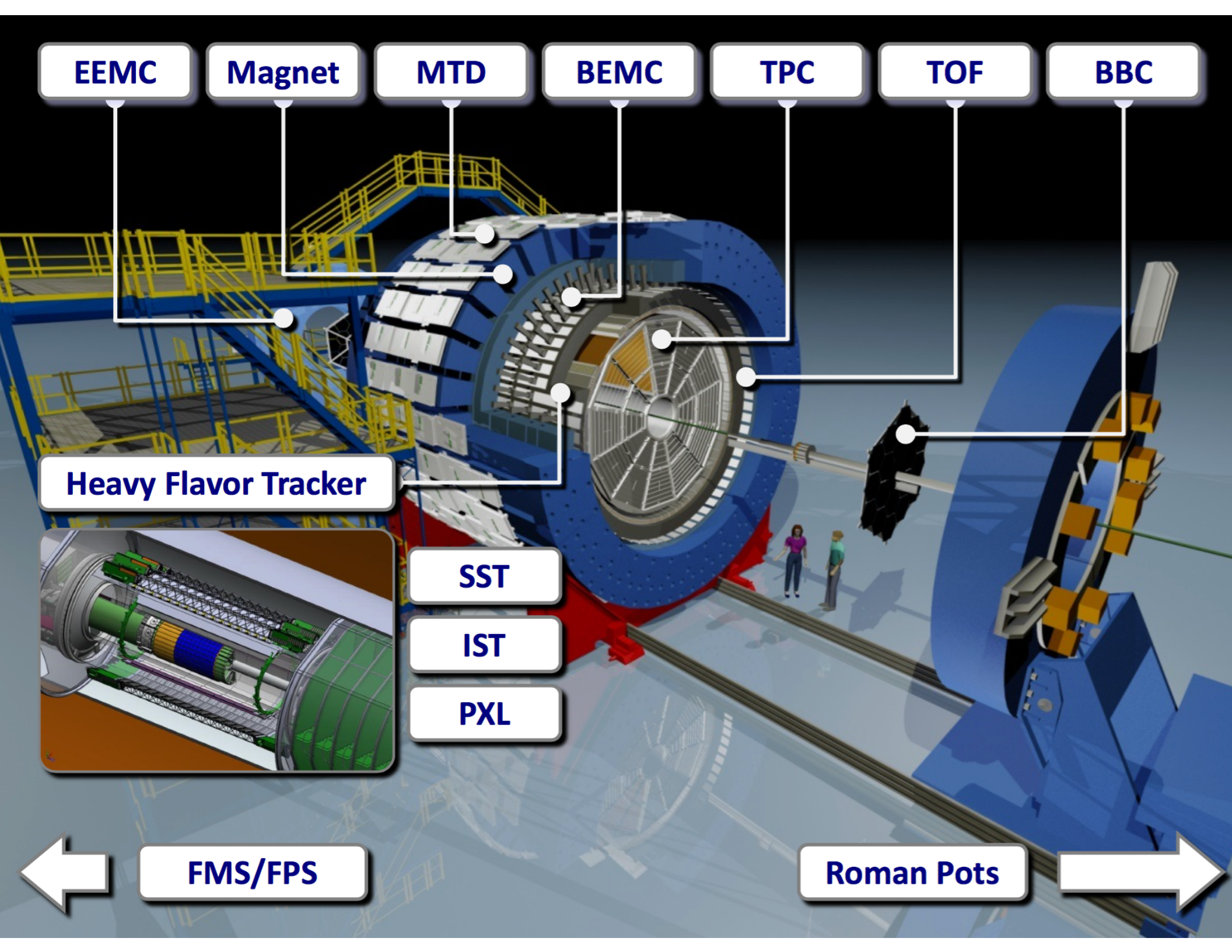
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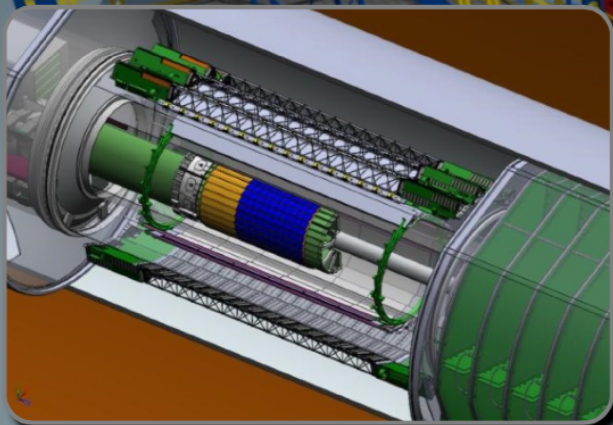
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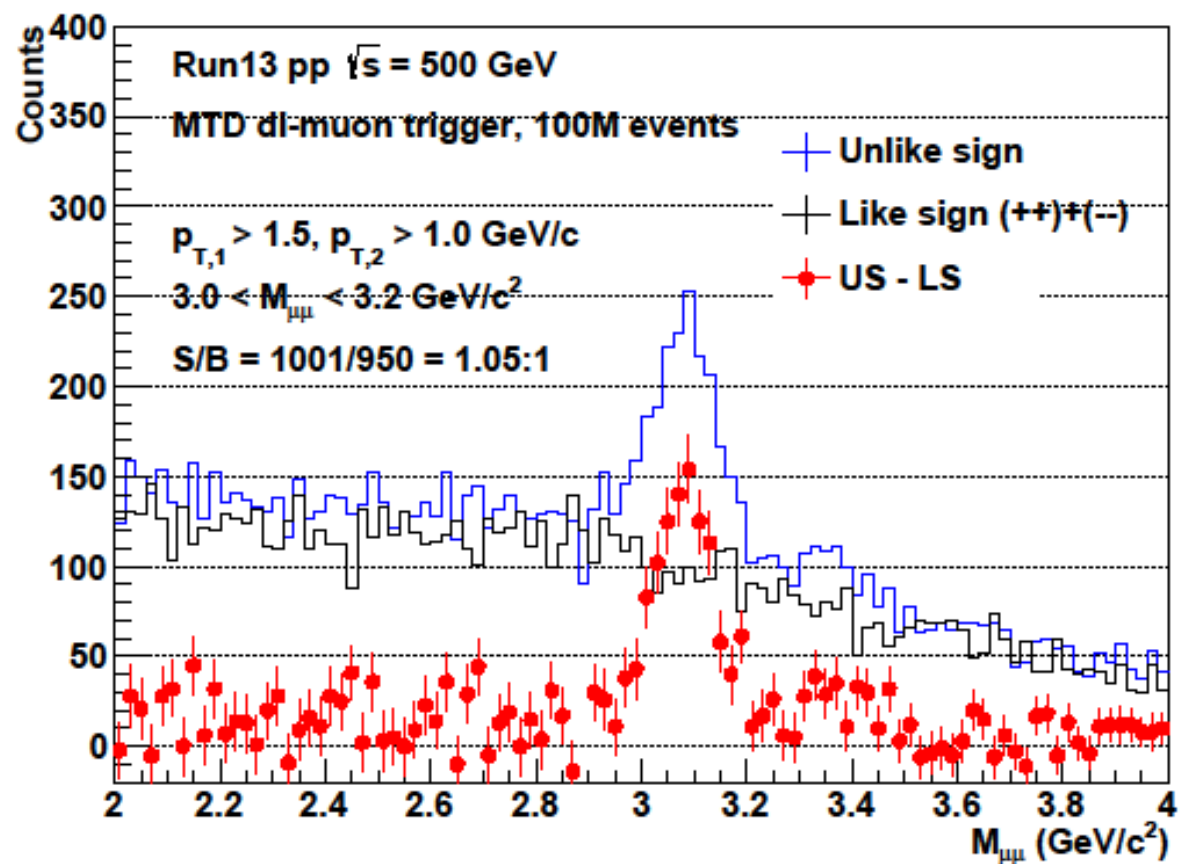
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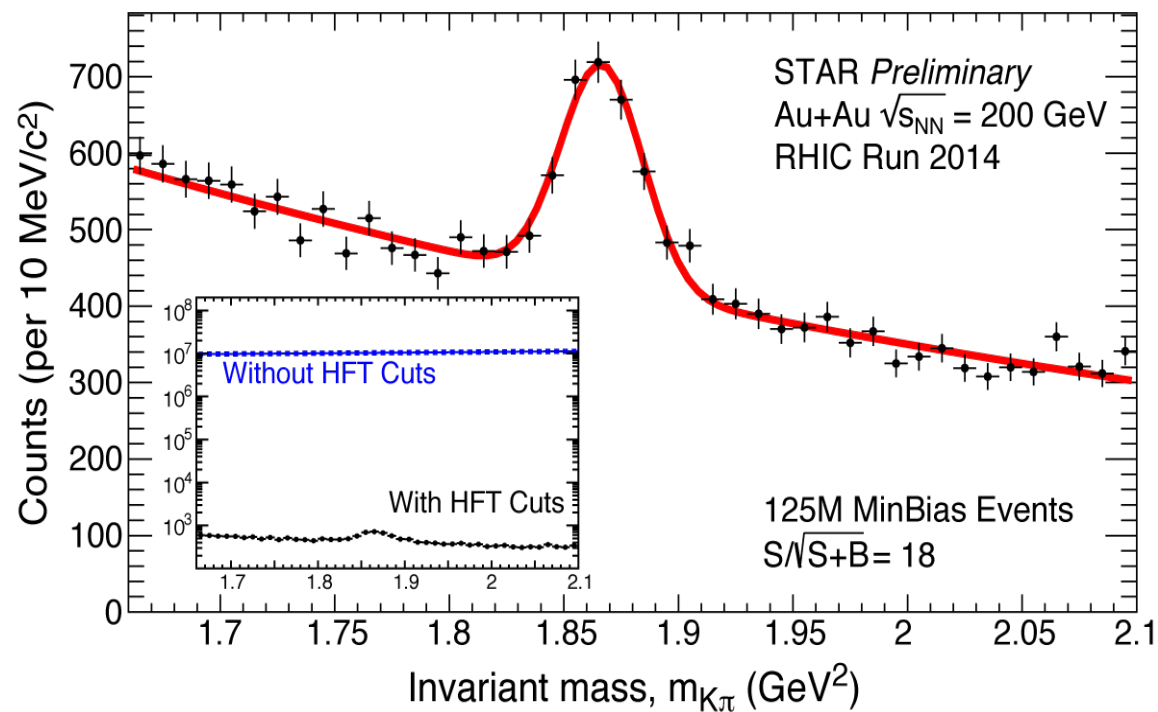
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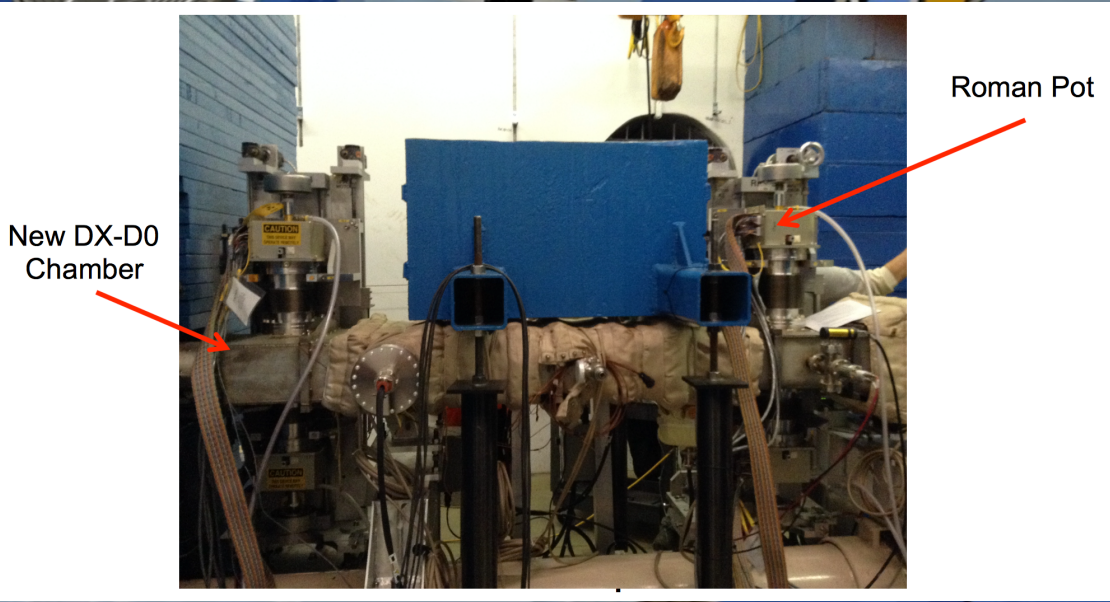
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See Oleg Eyser's STAR run-15 report:
- Heavy Flavor reference data on tape
- New capabilities with FMS/FPS,
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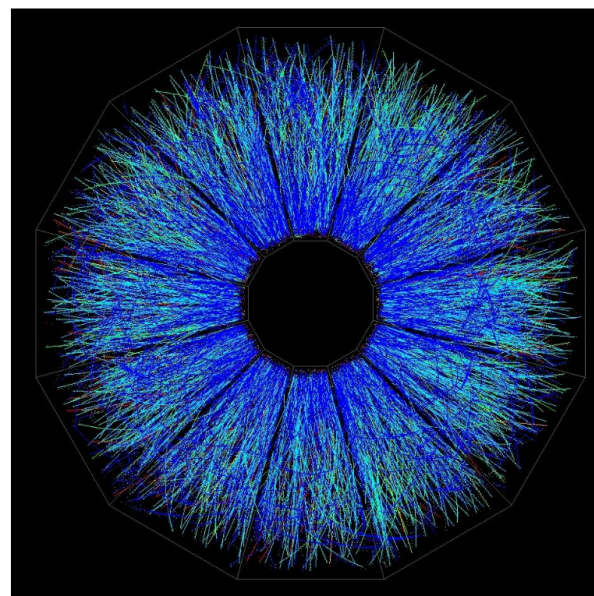
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RHIC Beam Use Request For Runs 16 and 17

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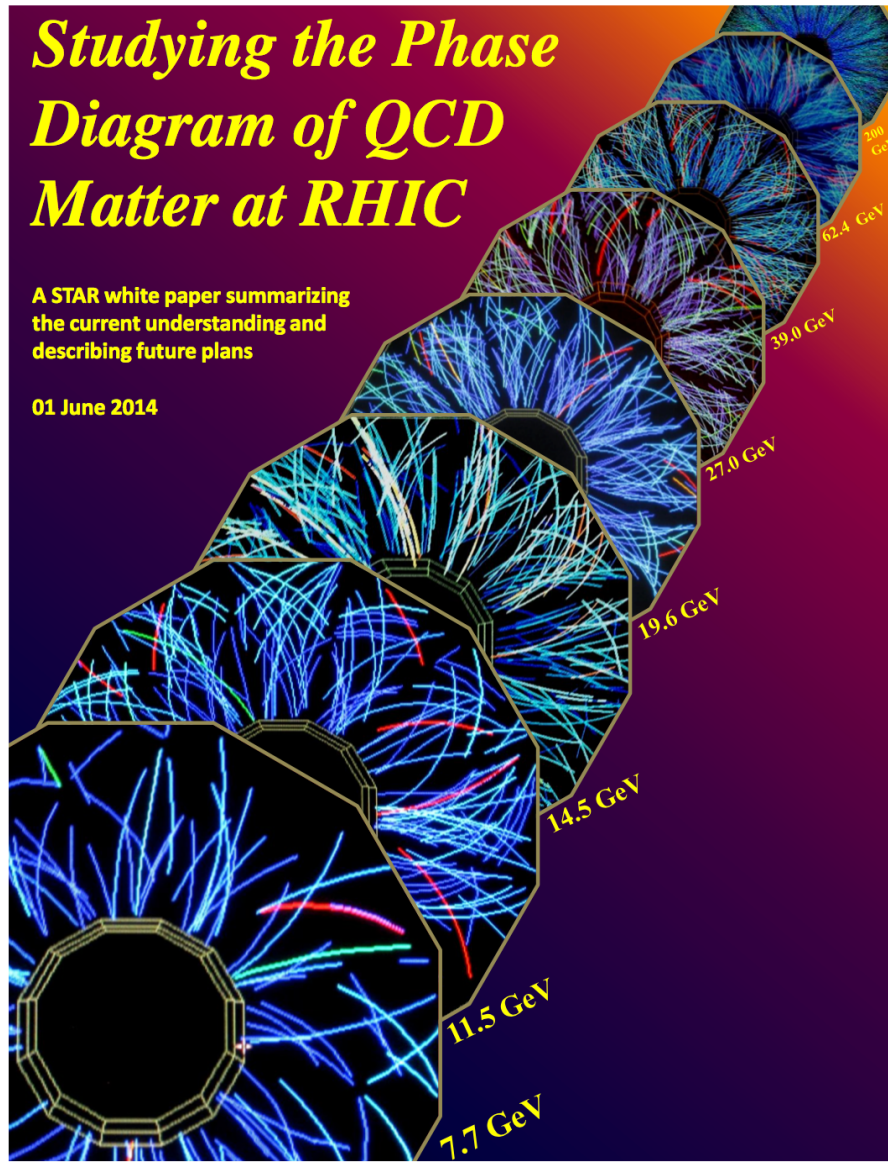
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/ tailcatcher

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Looking beyond Run-17: Beam-Energy Scan Phase-II, iTPC

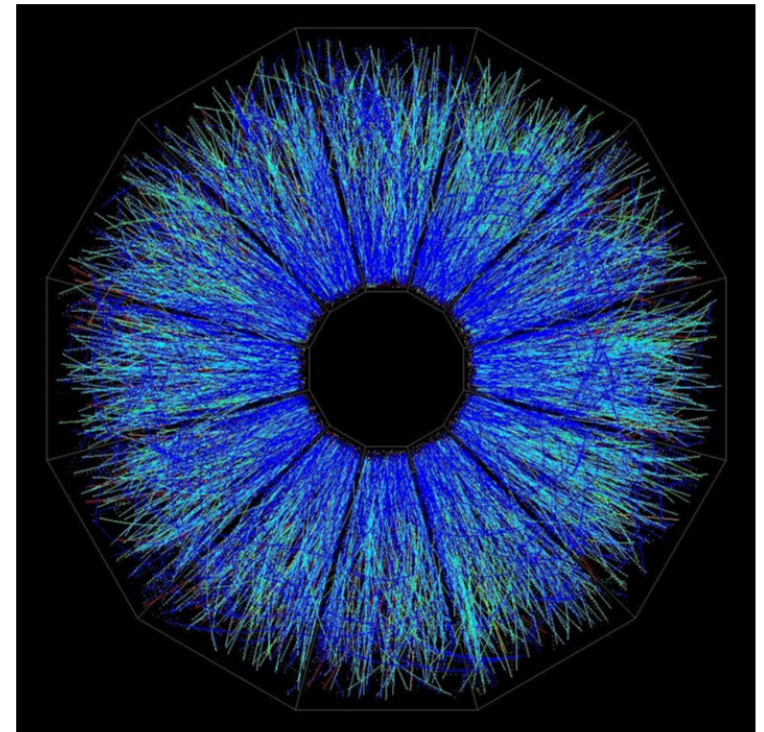


<http://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0598>

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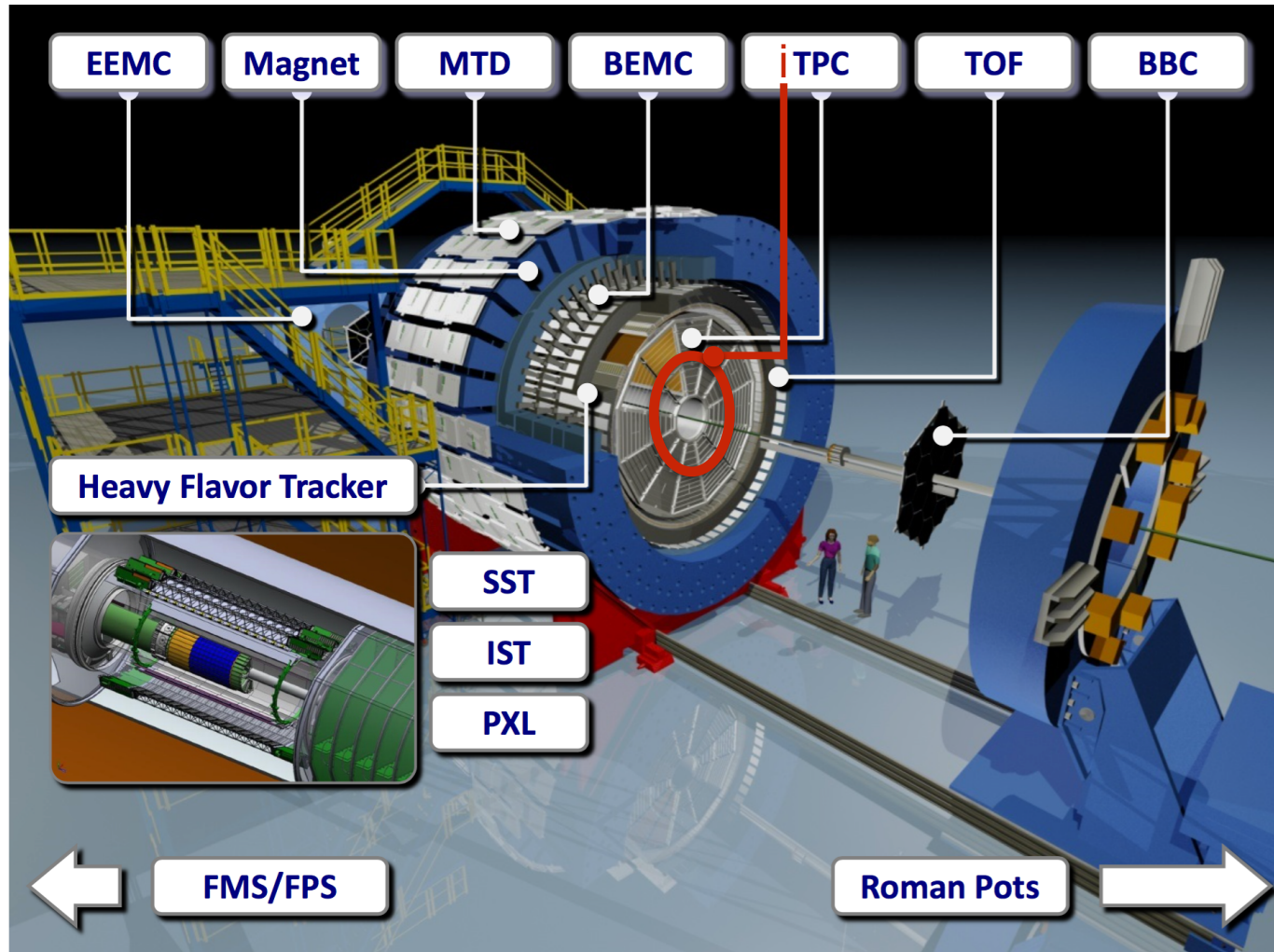
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Part of the NPP-PAC agenda next week

iTPC



Proposal to upgrade the 24 inner TPC sectors to:

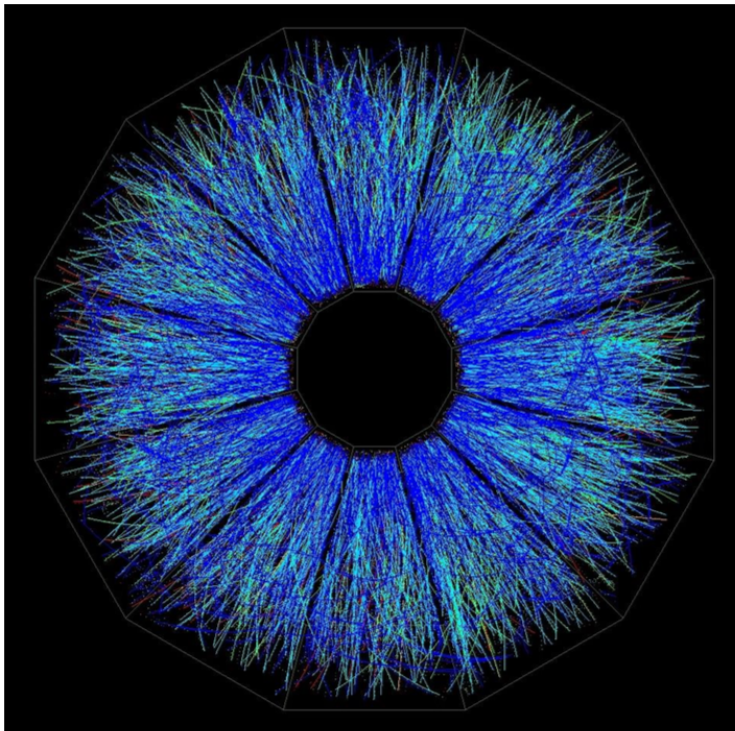
- increase the segmentation on the pad planes,
- renew inner sector wires.

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Key project components:

- MWPC and pad-plane,
- Strongback,
- Electronics and DAQ,
- Sector insertion tool.

Participating institutions:

BNL, Czech Tech. U.,
KSU, LBNL, NPI Prague,
Shandong U., SINAP,
U.C. Davis, UT Austin,
USTC.

Instal and test prior to start
of BES-II in Jan. 2019 (as-
sumes funding, RHIC-plan).

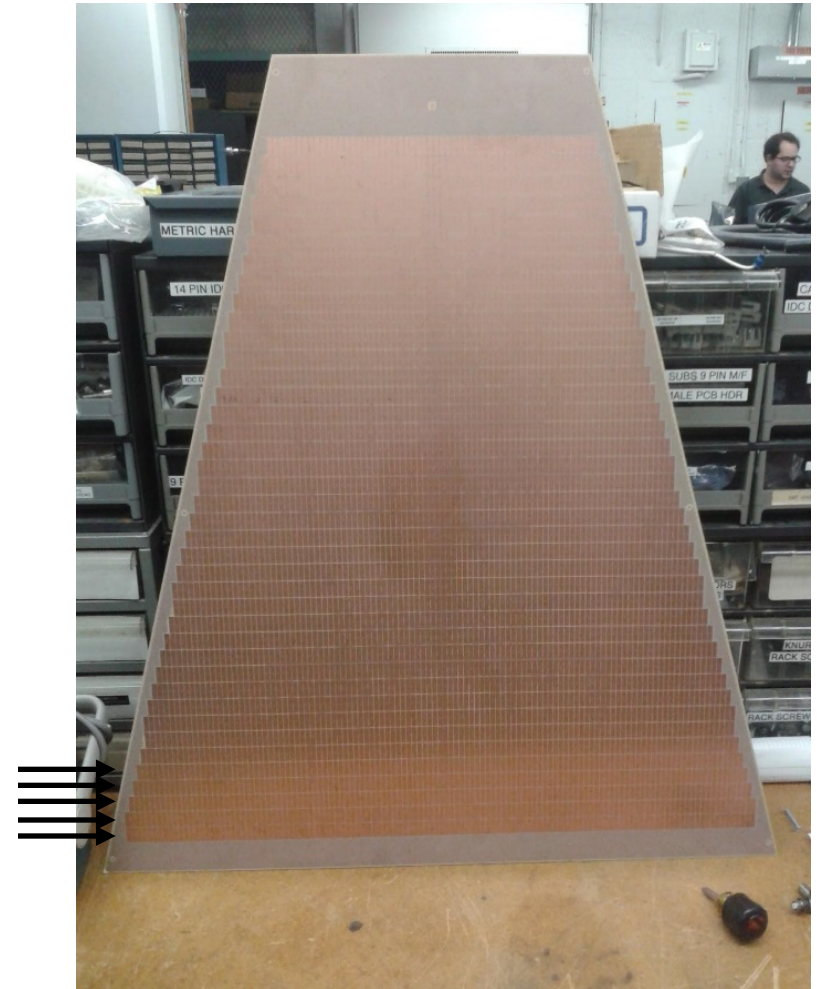
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Existing (spare) inner TPC sector



widely spaced ($> 5\text{cm}$) pad-rows

iTPC prototype pad-plane (tested)



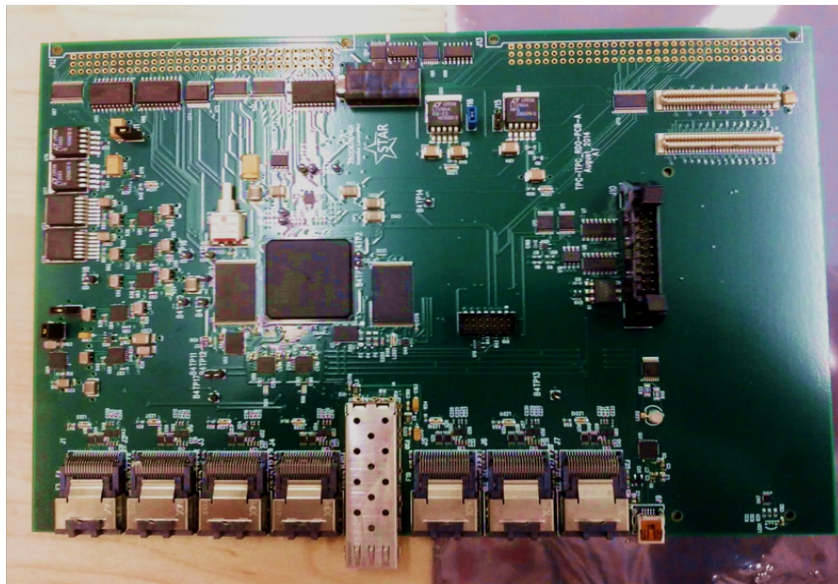
Upgrade is to increase the number of inner readout channels by a factor ~ 2 (optimized), increase the sampled track length to $\sim 95\%$, and thereby improve efficiency, in particular at low p_T , improve particle identification via dE/dx , extend analyzed acceptance to larger (absolute) pseudo-rapidities.

iTPC - Electronics

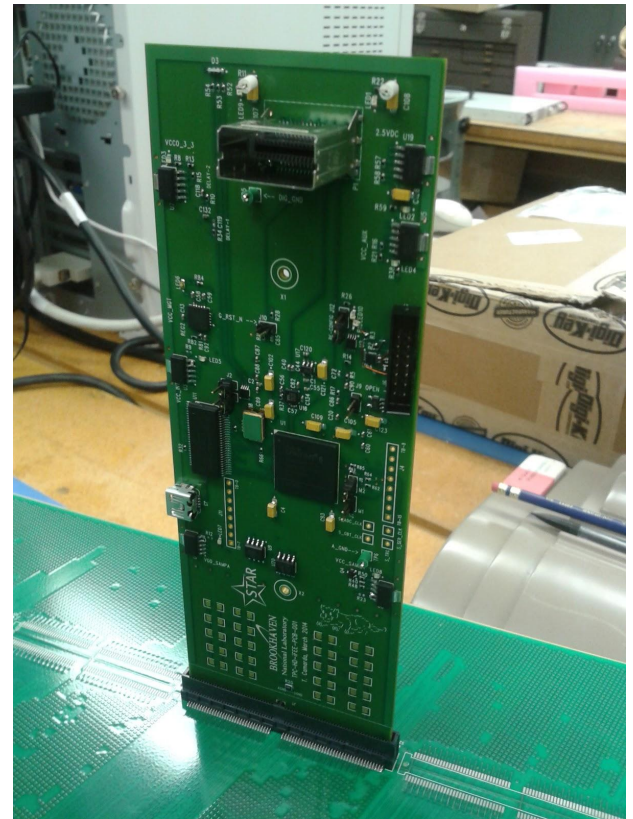
FEE is based on current TPC FEE, but using the ALICE SAMPA chip,

Twice the channels per FEE,

RDO similar to existing TPC RDO.



iTPC RDO prototype



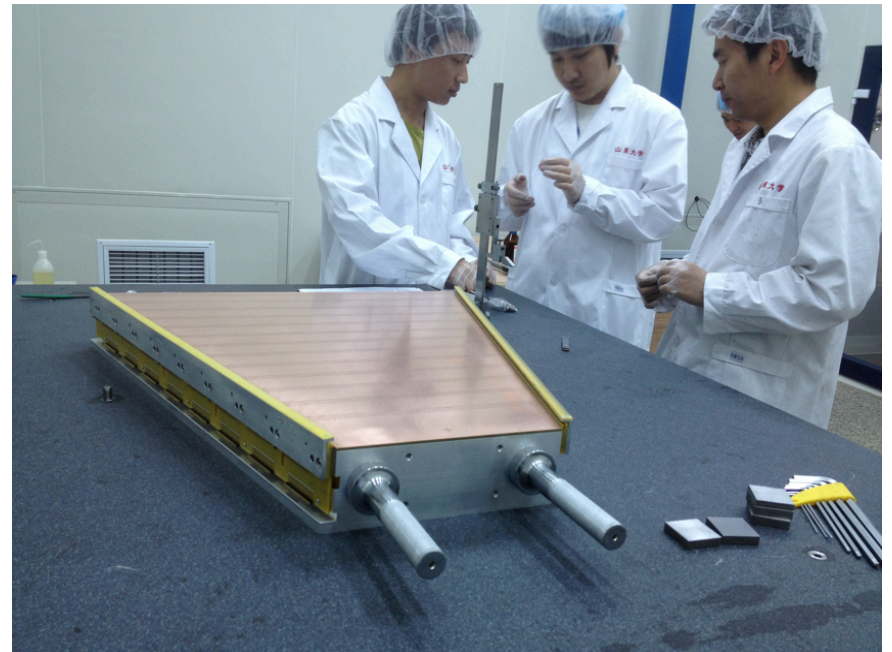
pre-prototype iTPC FEE,
plugged into the pad plane

iTPC - Strongback and Prototyping

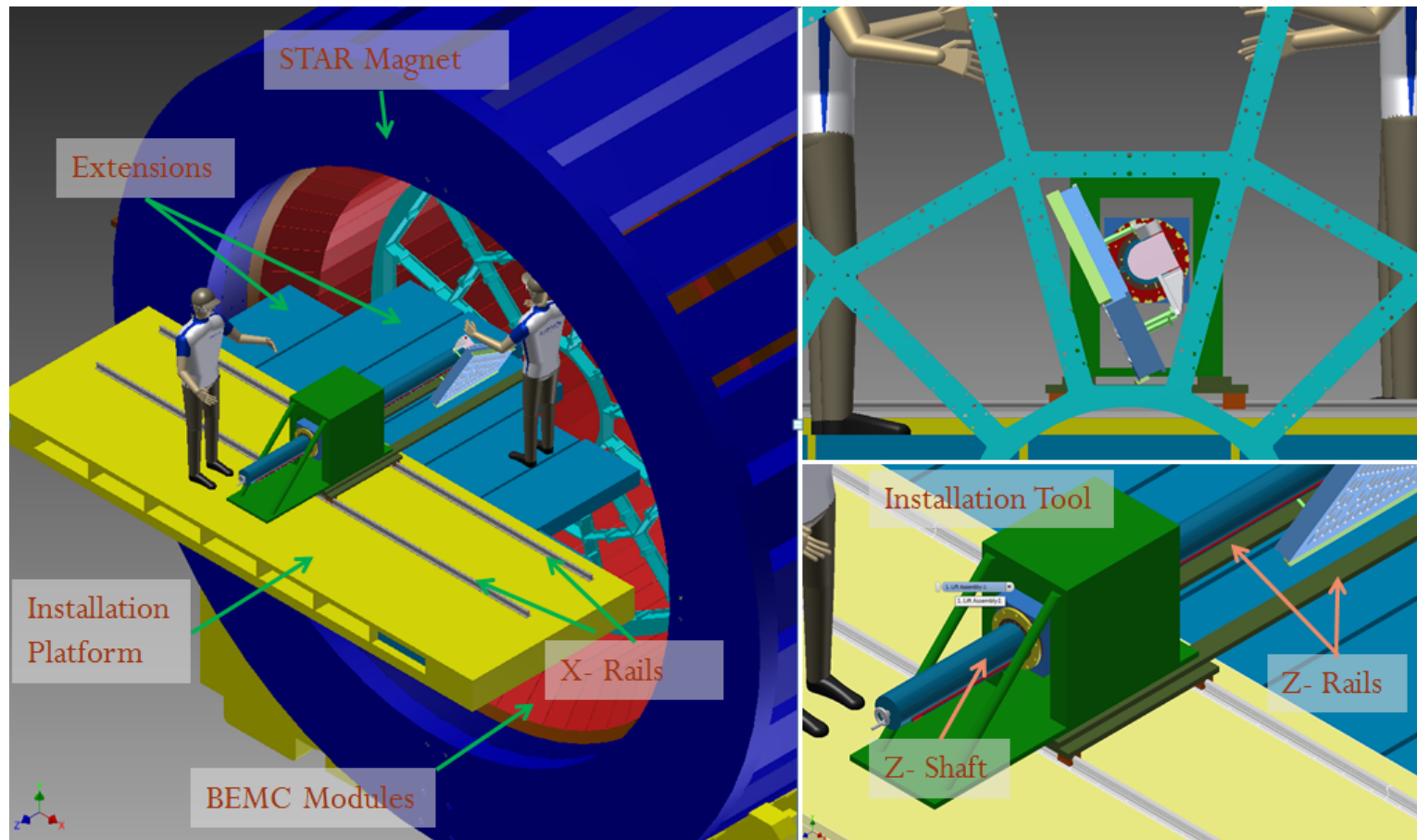


iTPC strongback prototype from original drawings, design will follow TPC design, with adapted positioning of FEE openings no other (re-)design planned.

Test-driving assembly, winding, testing at Shandong U.

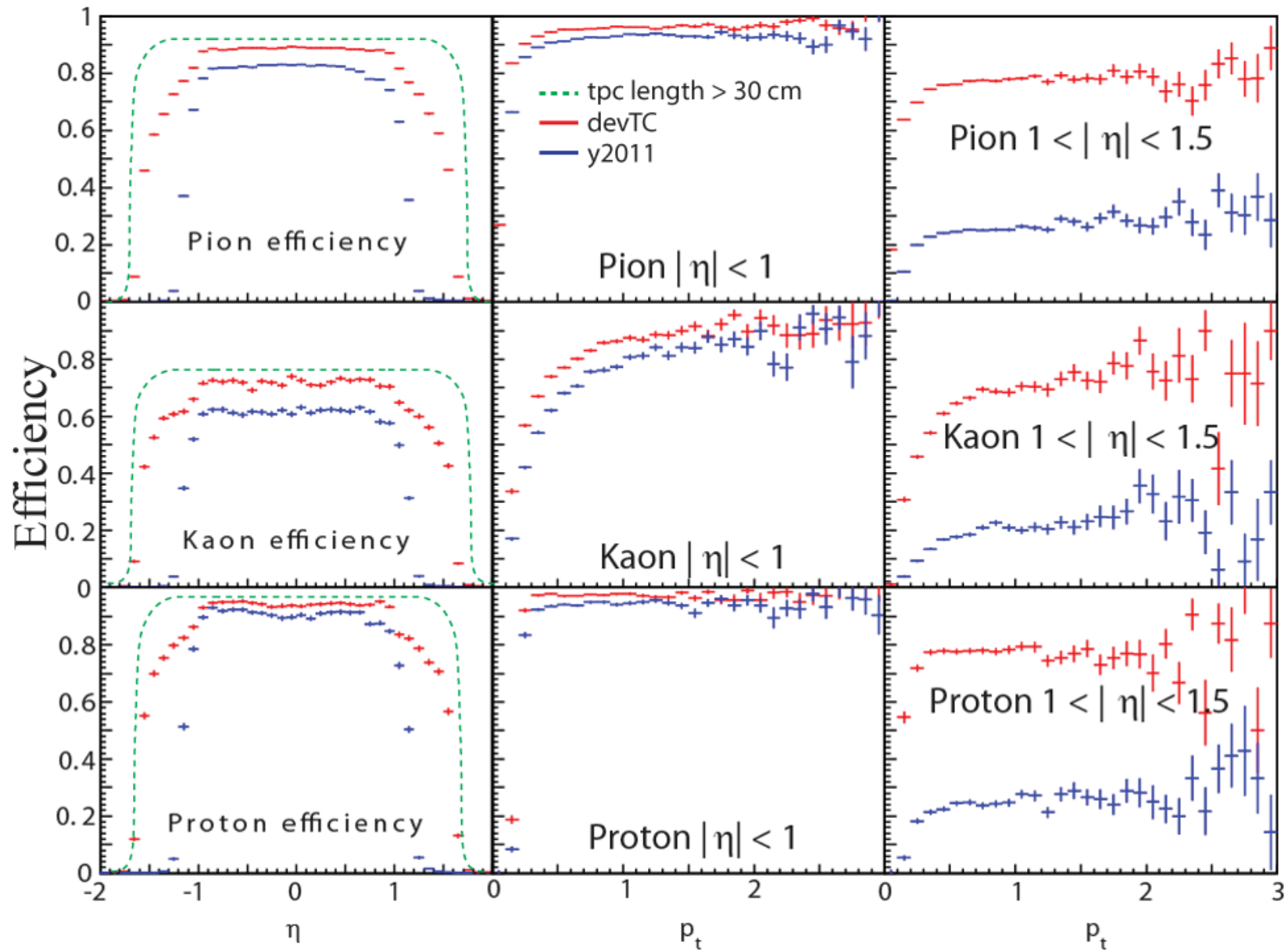


iTPC - Sector Insertion Tool



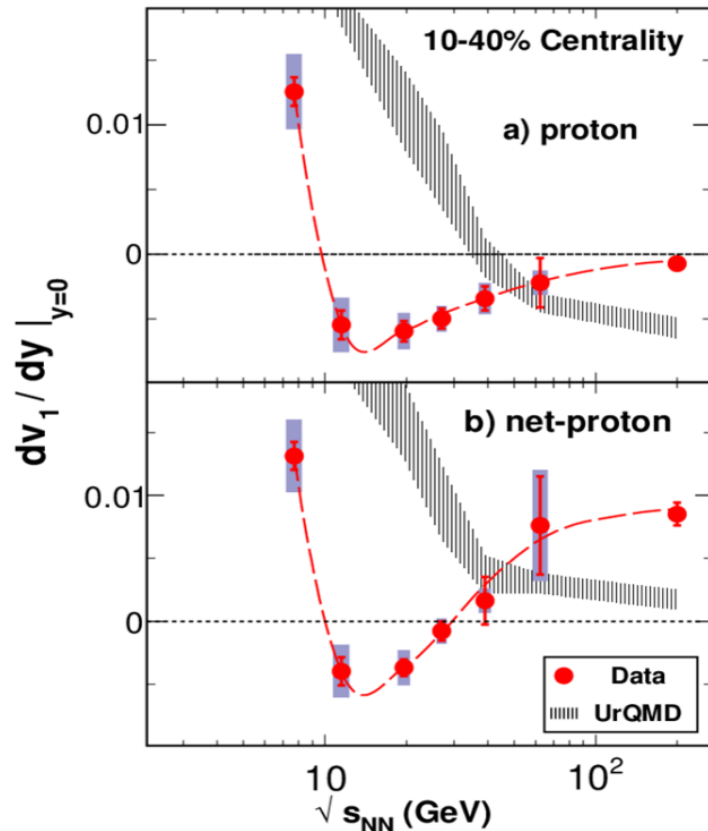
Concept adapted from ALICE design, cartesian coordinates.
Raisable support and safety measures (rails, stairs) not shown here.

iTPC - simulated performance

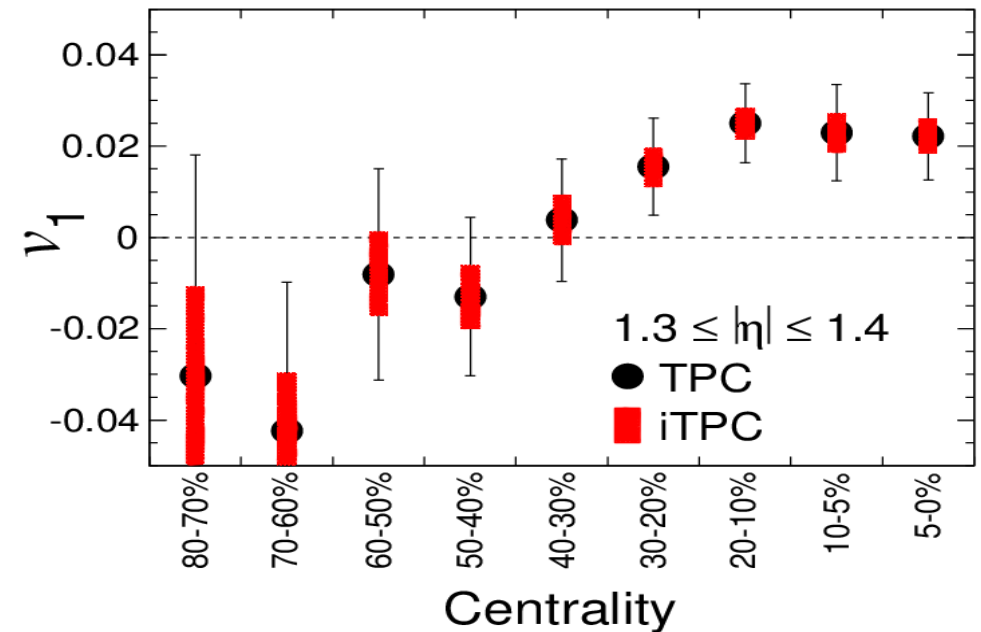


iTPC - a (selected) example of physics impact

Directed flow slope for protons and net-protons near mid-rapidity from BES-I data.



Projected (simulated) 19.6 GeV centrality dependence of directed flow for forward charged-particles with and without iTPC.



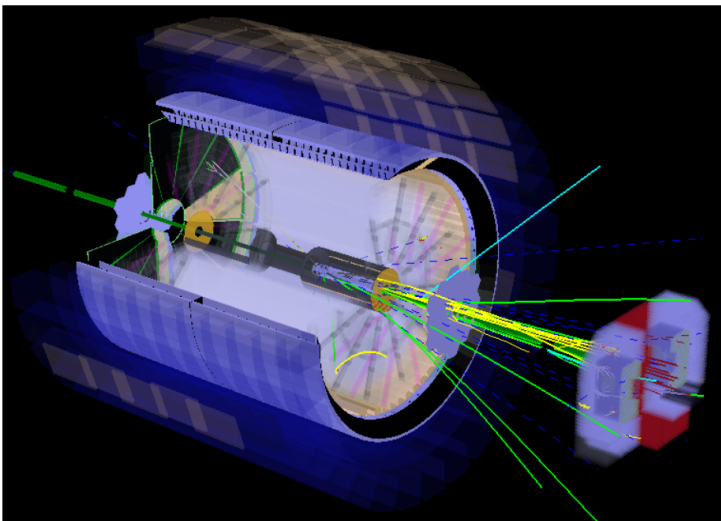
Note: iTPC benefits virtually *all* observables, rapidity coverage for fluctuation analyses, purity for dileptons, proton acceptance for fixed-target, ...

Note: BES-II provides motivation for upgrades besides iTPC: EPD, endcap ToF.

Looking further forward: beyond BES-II *and also before!*

A polarized p+p and p+A program for the next years

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Explore QCD at large and small x , driven by four overarching questions:

What is the nature of the spin of the proton?

How do quarks and gluons hadronize into final-state particles?

How can we describe the multidimensional landscape of nucleons and nuclei?

What is the nature of the initial state in nuclear collisions?

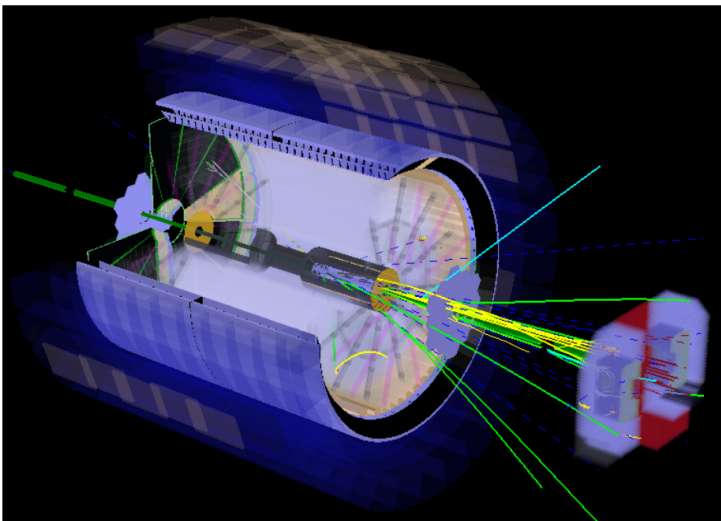
centered around unique RHIC capabilities.

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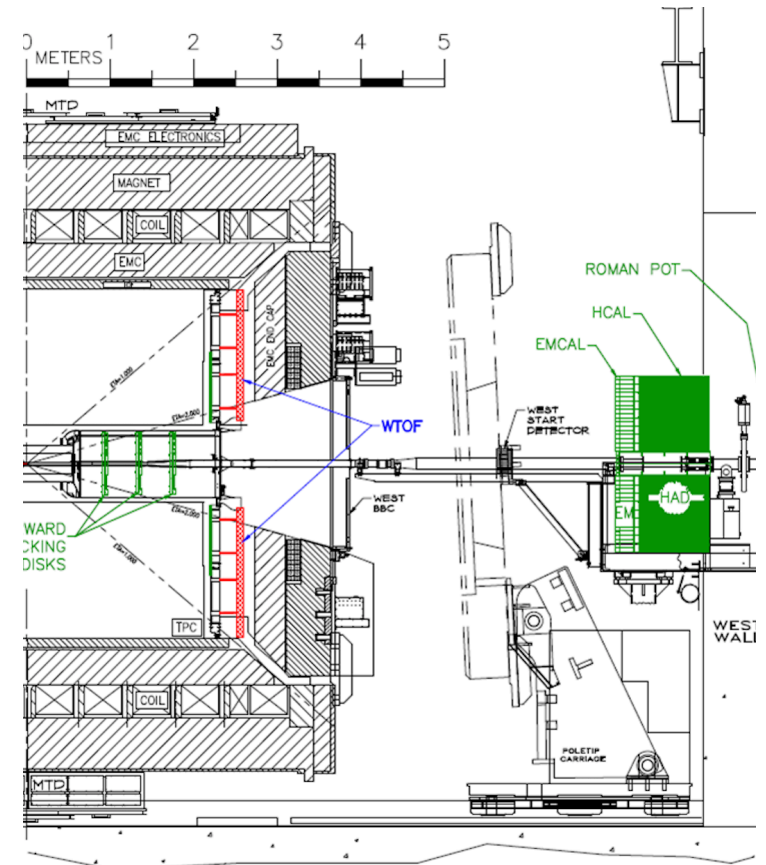
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Motivates *new* forward instrumentation; proposal in preparation.

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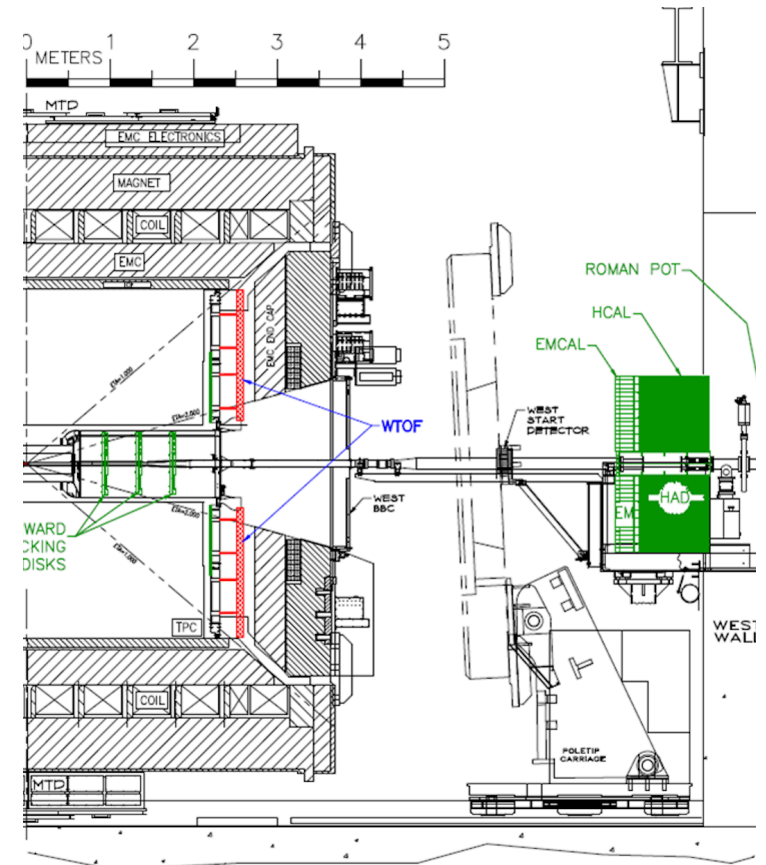
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HCal:

Lead and Scintillator tiles, tower size $10 \times 10 \times 81 \text{ cm}^3$,
4 interaction lengths



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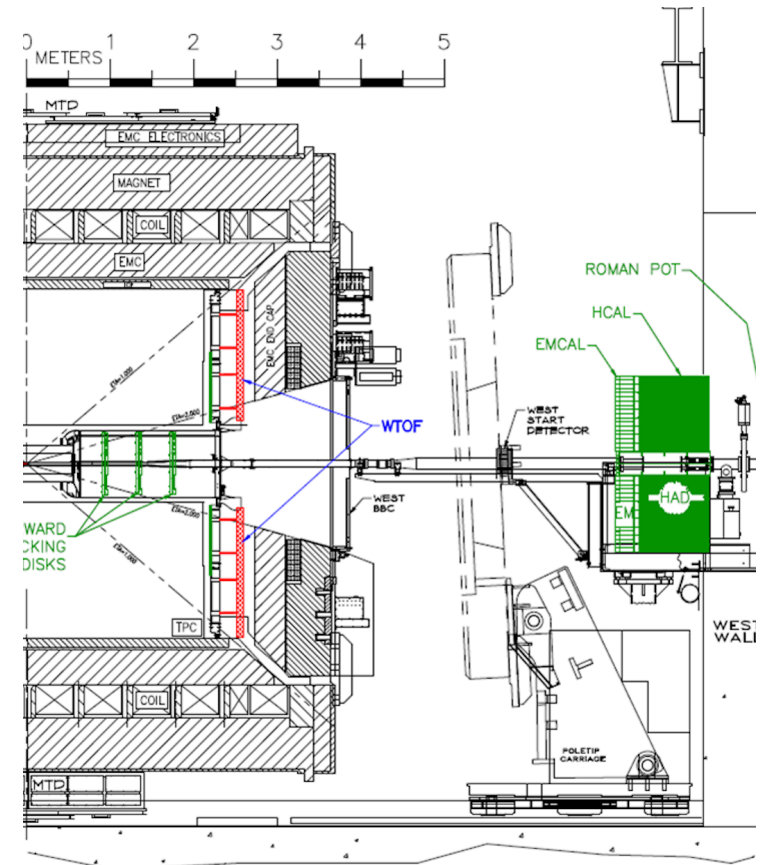
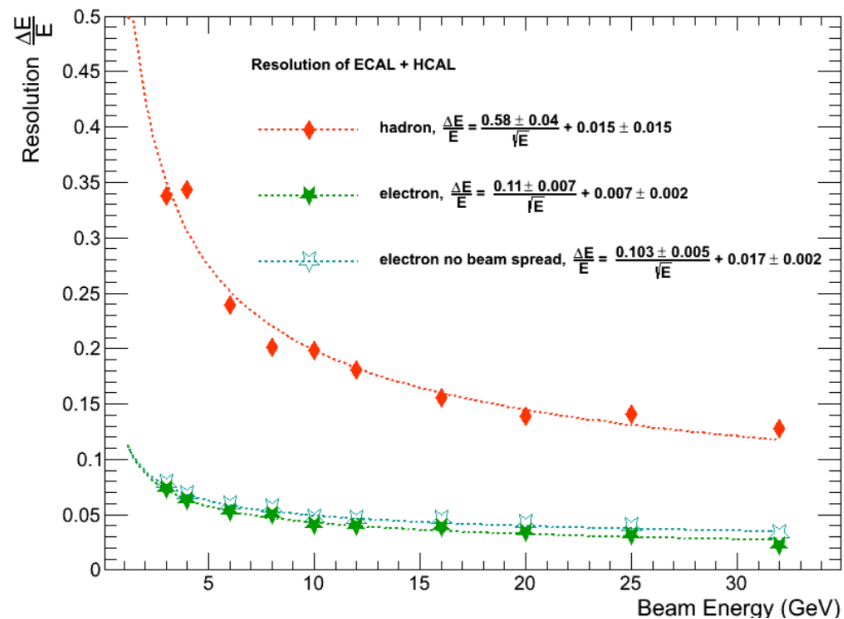
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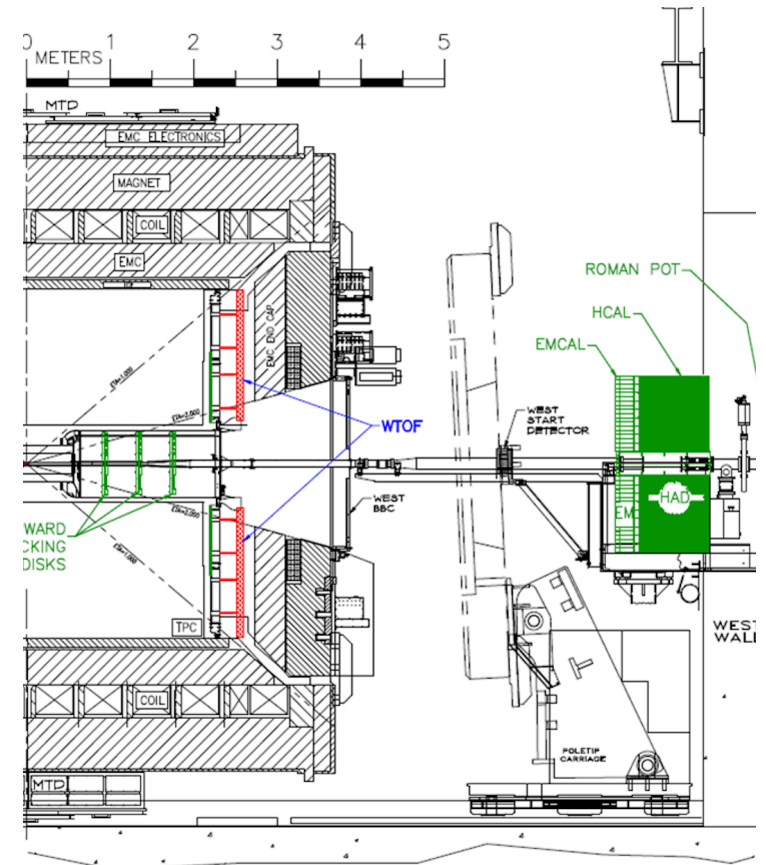
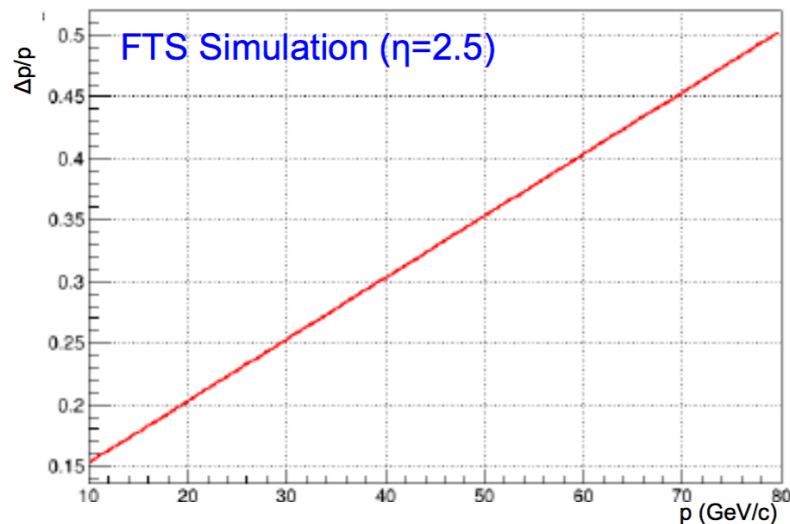
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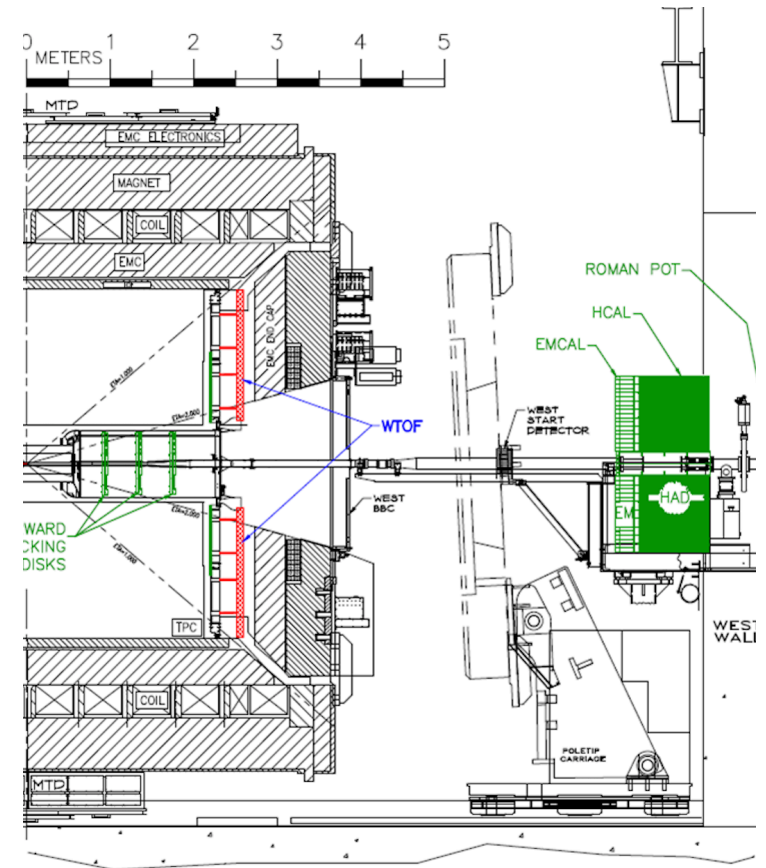
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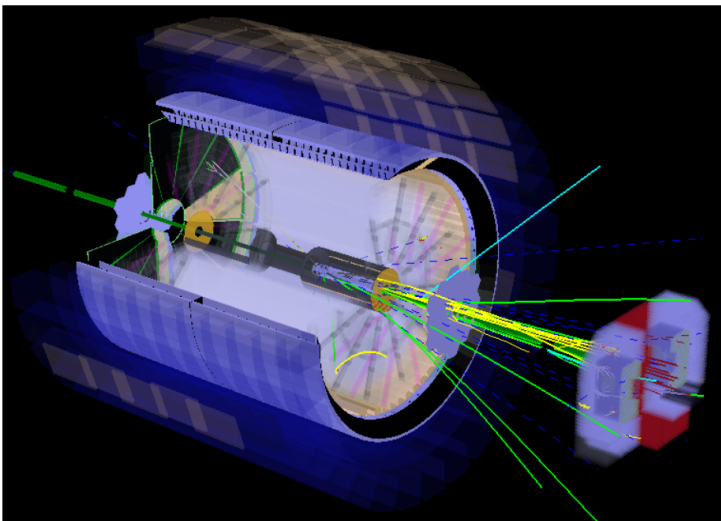
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Proposal in preparation; including emerging A+A science motivations.

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<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0605>

Rapid developments since last year,

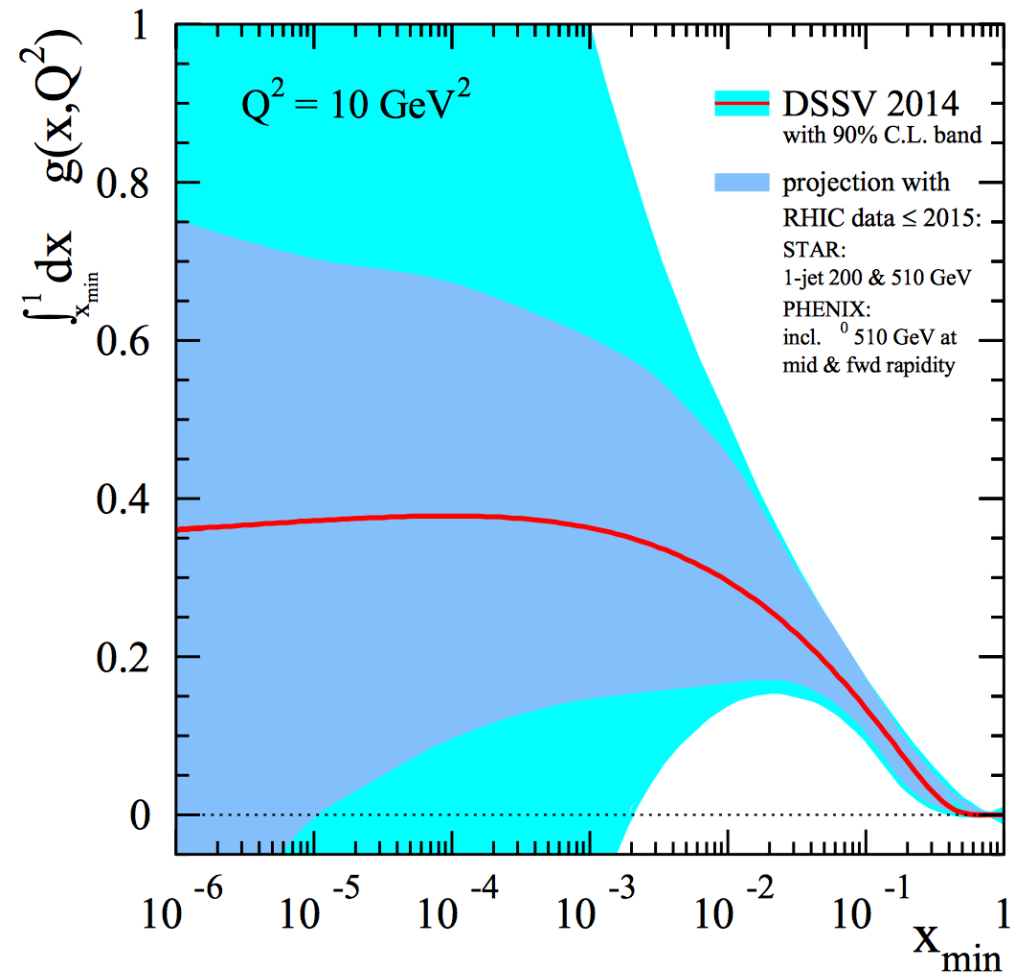
- Run-15 p+Au goals were met earlier than originally anticipated; we are collecting p+Al data since Tuesday.
- A change in the RHIC schedule and new possibility of 15-22 weeks of cryo operations in run-17 makes it possible to address HP13, the Sivers' sign change, with complementary channels at STAR.
- First significant quark transversity signals in p+p, the Collins effect, have now been observed. A future spin-probe of hadronization in the nuclear environment?

See e.g. talks by Mriganka Mondal and Elke Aschenauer past Tuesday at this Mtg.

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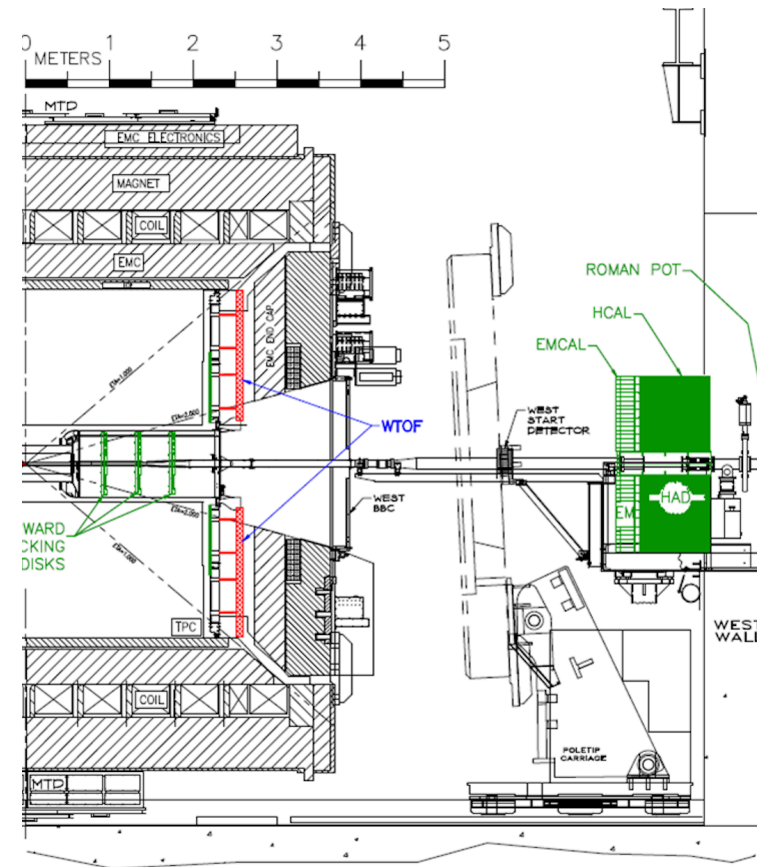
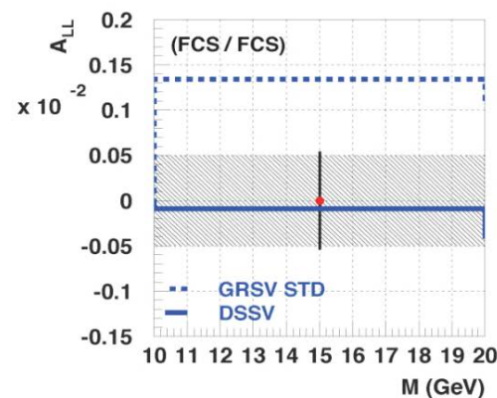
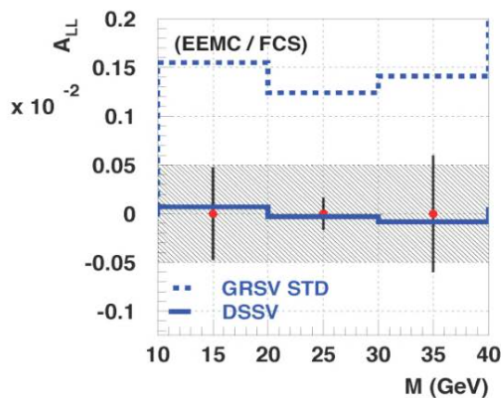
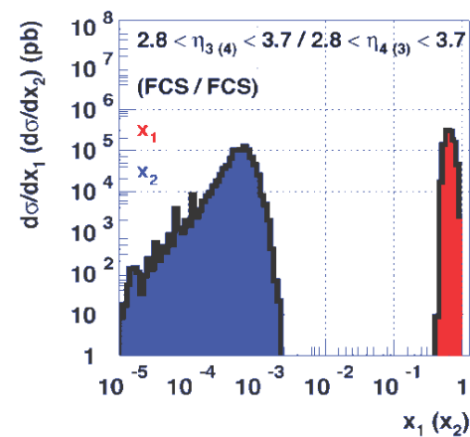
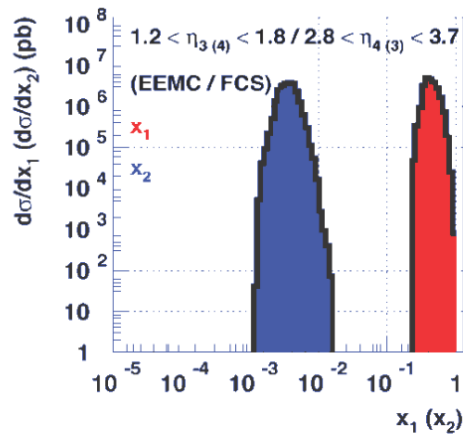
Gluon Polarization:

- Vast progress from RHIC (STAR and PHENIX), but...
- Vast uncertainties will remain at small- x *even* after run-15,
- Forward instrumentation and longitudinal p+p collisions are the only path forward, prior to EIC; a *high-energy* polarized EIC is the only known path to settle this key question.



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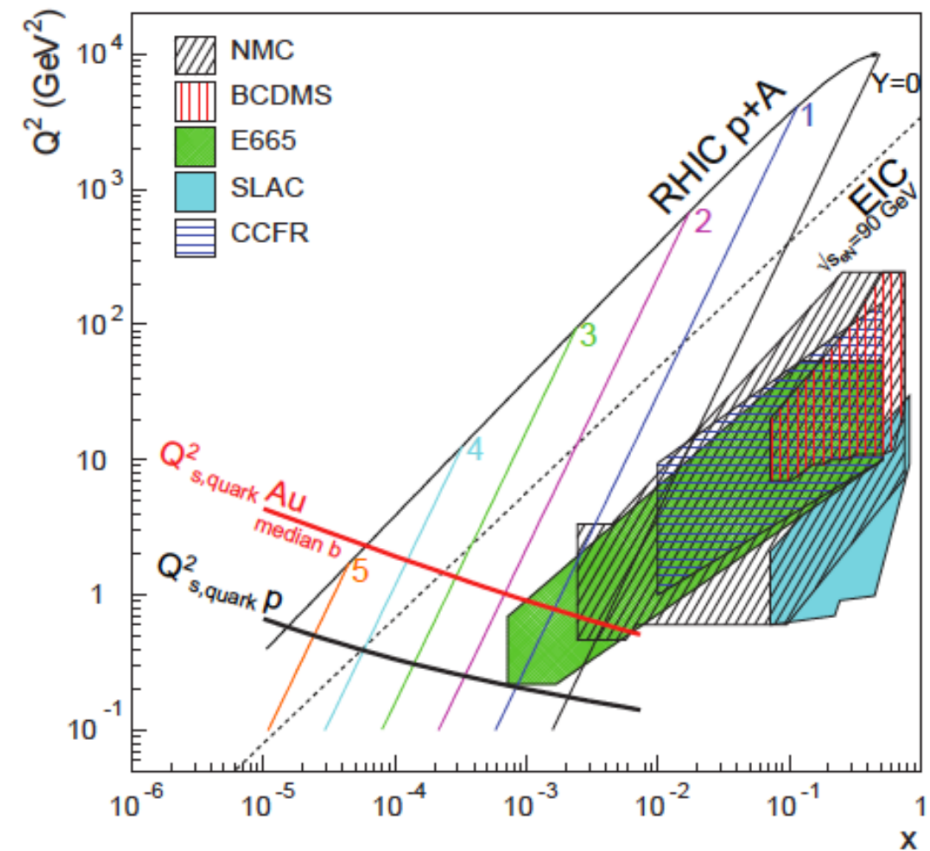
Gluon Polarization - forward di-jets



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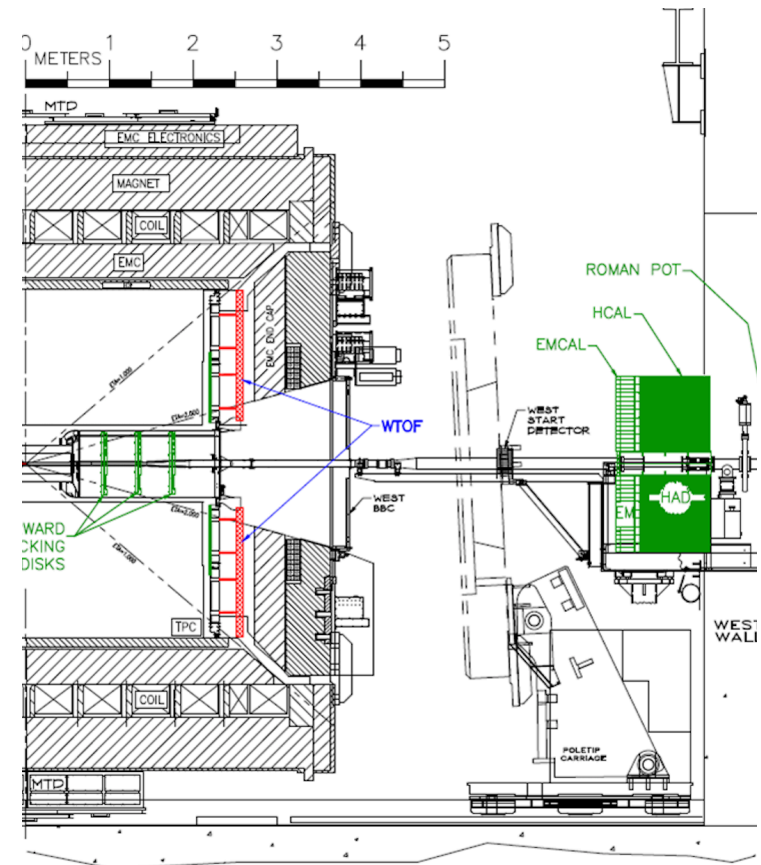
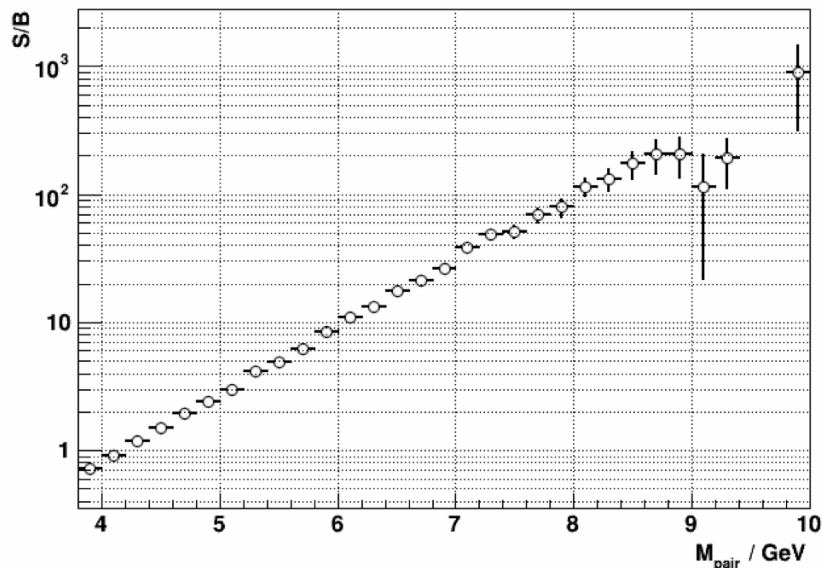
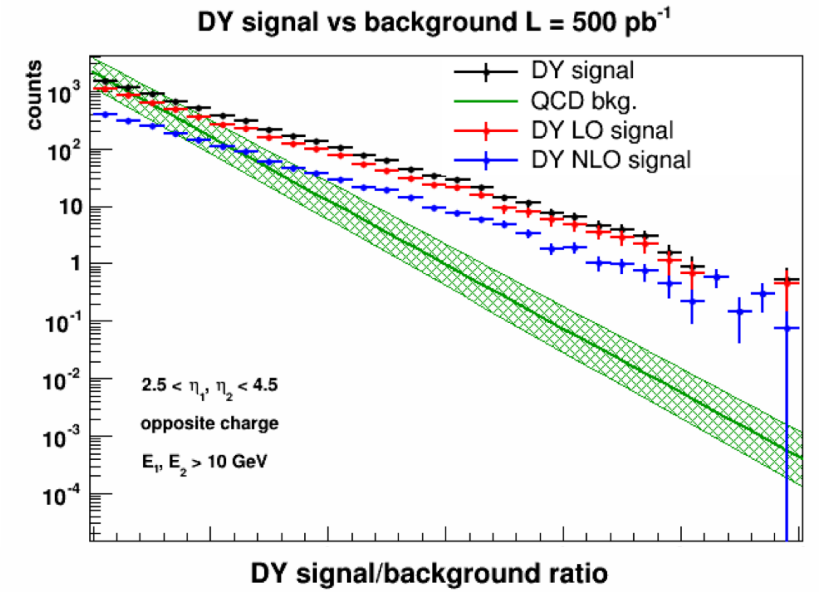
200 GeV Drell-Yan measurements:

- complementary to lepton-nucleon DIS,
- kinematically complete, event-by-event,



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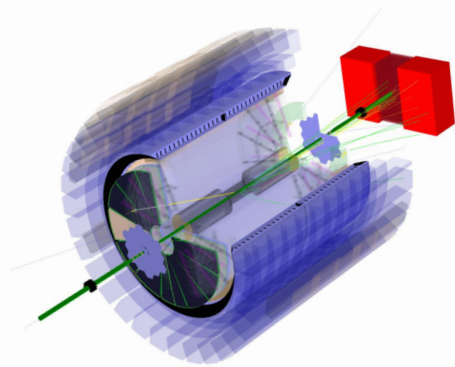
200 GeV Drell-Yan p+p simulated capability:



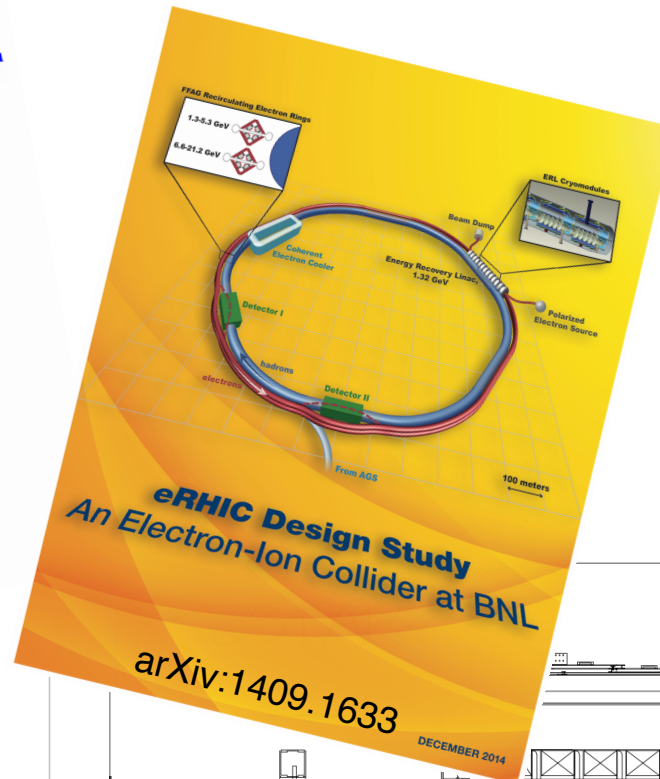
Note: run-17 proposal has initial STAR DY 510 GeV measurement with existing FMS/FPS and a new tailcatcher as one of its goals.

Transition to eRHIC

<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0592>
eSTAR: A Letter of Intent
 The STAR Collaboration



September 2013



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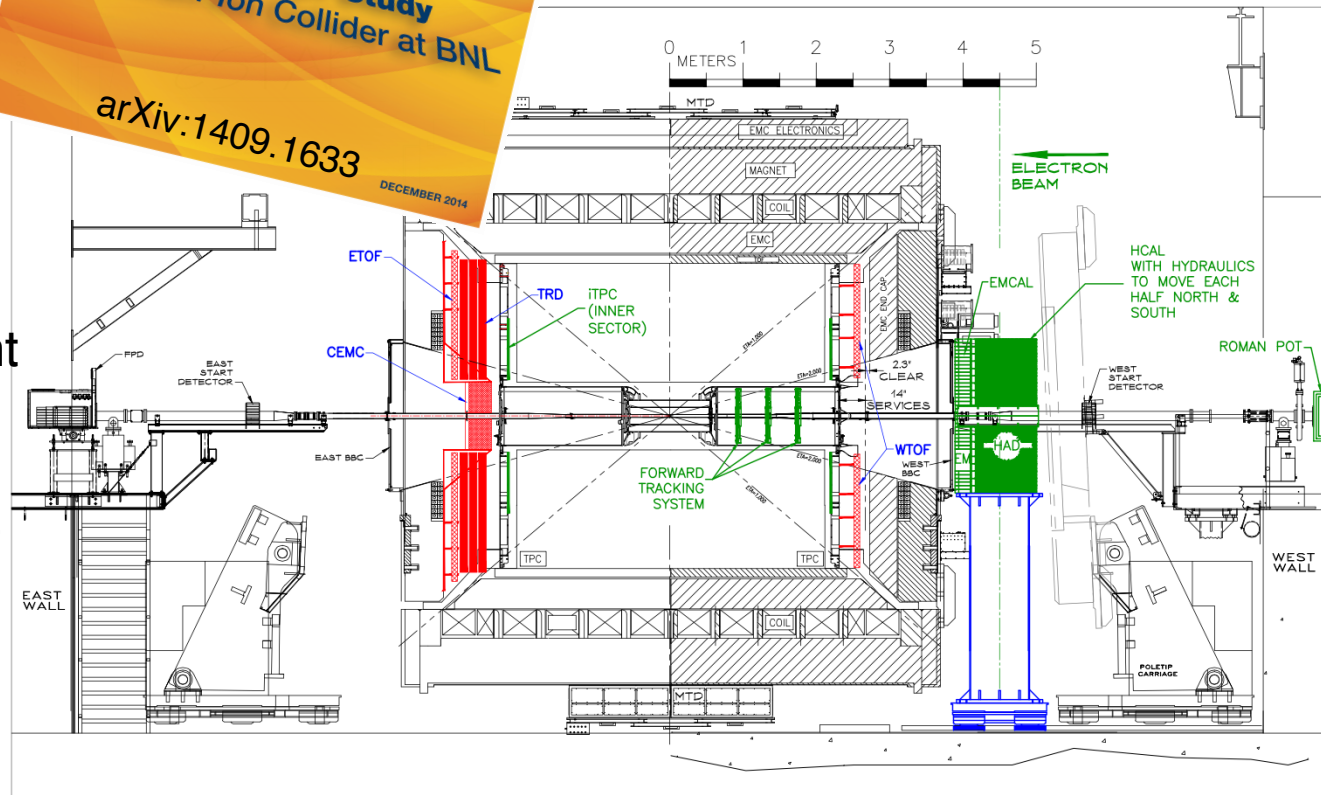
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“eSTAR” concept was originally conceived for meRHIC energies;

A suitable forward upgrade on the electron-going side is essential to initial measurements at eRHIC

Initial inclusive and semi-inclusive measurement capabilities demonstrated in simulations for the “instrument at IP6”

Starting collaboration effort to transition towards an eRHIC *optimized* design (replace magnet, mid-rapidity instrument).





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STAR is a very versatile instrument,
Very successful running periods,
Well on track towards achieving the
heavy-flavor goals with HFT and MTD
(runs 14-16),

Proposal to upgrade the inner sectors
of the TPC, aimed primarily at BES-II;
new EPD and potentially endcap ToF

Gaining qualitatively new capability at
forward rapidities with FPS, Roman
Pots - with rapidly evolving physics-
driven plans and prospects: tail-
catcher, FCS+FTS.

Future forward challenges in the
transition to eRHIC on the electron-
going side, transition to an eRHIC
optimized design.

Thank you!